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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
MAILED FEBRUARY 12, 2001**

This paper is filed in response to the Supplemental Restriction Requirement mailed February 12, 2001. The Examiner is requested to consider the remarks in the accompanying Response to Supplemental Restriction Requirement and enter the following amendments if the Examiner decides to examine the following amended claims with provisionally elected Group III.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 9, 54, 55, 59 and 60 as follows:

9. (twice amended) A polypeptide with at least 30% sequence identity to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2 and comprising greater than 50 amino acids in